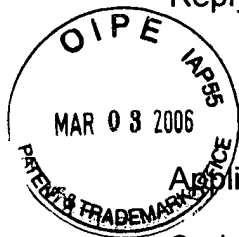


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Dear Sir:

In response to the September 26, 2005 Office action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 10 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 14 of this paper.